



WYOMING CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 30, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: For the week ending August 30, Wyoming experienced hot, dry conditions across the state, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Very little rain occurred throughout the state over the last week. According to the National Integrated Drought Information System, Wyoming’s drought conditions have changed little. Most of the state has large sections in extremely dry to drought conditions. According to the NIDIS, the amount of land rated as experiencing extreme drought stands at 5.4 percent. The amount of land rated at severe drought, moderate drought, and abnormally dry was 33.0 percent, 35.1 percent, and 18.6 percent respectively. A reporter from North Central Wyoming reported that conditions are very dry with growers having to haul water for livestock. A reporter from Northeastern Wyoming indicated that conditions are getting worse and producers may have to cull their herds. A reporter from South Central Wyoming stated the dryness continues. Another reporter from South Central Wyoming stated that producers are reporting pulling their herds and their irrigation systems will be shut off. A reporter from Southeastern Wyoming indicated that hot and dry conditions are causing a lack of forage. Another reporter from Southeastern Wyoming stated that even if they got moisture it would not make up for the damage that has taken place. Winter wheat planting is underway and barley harvest is finishing up. Stock water supplies across Wyoming were rated 24 percent very short, 32 percent short, and 44 percent adequate, compared to 27 percent very short, 33 percent short, and 40 percent adequate last week. Irrigation water supplies were rated 21 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 28 percent fair, and 43 percent good, compared to 26 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 24 percent fair, and 40 percent good last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
3 rd cutting harvested	34	23	9	13
Barley				
Mature	96	87	89	94
Harvested	84	64	71	83
Corn				
Doughed	95	85	56	71
Dented	28	15	15	10
Harvested for silage.....	3	--	1	1
Dry edible beans				
Turning color.....	58	41	53	56
Cut.....	22	7	1	8
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	3	--	3	4
NA – not available				
(--)-- zero				

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELD WORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.9	7.0	6.9	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	52	57	7	14
Short.....	24	26	46	38
Adequate	24	17	47	46
Surplus	--	--	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	53	54	12	14
Short.....	27	32	40	37
Adequate	20	14	48	48
Surplus	--	--	--	1
NA – not available				
(--)-- zero				

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	4	--	--	3
Poor.....	20	16	1	4
Fair.....	16	18	12	13
Good	60	66	77	73
Excellent	--	--	10	7
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	8	9	9	3
Fair.....	22	25	18	13
Good	70	66	72	80
Excellent	--	--	1	4
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	14	3
Fair.....	19	13	16	12
Good	80	87	69	79
Excellent	--	--	1	6
Pasture and range				
Very poor	35	31	3	7
Poor.....	38	41	16	13
Fair.....	23	27	37	31
Good	4	1	37	43
Excellent	--	--	7	6
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	21	4
Fair.....	3	6	23	13
Good	97	94	56	75
Excellent	--	--	--	8
Livestock				
Very poor	1	--	--	--
Poor.....	5	3	1	1
Fair.....	25	21	13	13
Good	69	76	78	77
Excellent	--	--	8	9

NA – not available

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